Export of agricultural produce

1520. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of agricultural produces exported during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether the requirement of phytosanitary certificates has been posing problems in exporting agricultural produces to certain countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to remove the hardships of exporters due to phytosanitary certificates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The agro products (excluding marine products, tea, coffee, castor oil, shellac and cotton including waste) exported during the last three years, in dollar terms, is given below:

Year	Value in US$ (Million)
2002-2003	4674
2003-2004	5224
2004-2005	5766

The main agricultural products exported from India during the last three years are rice, wheat, meat, poultry and dairy products, fruits and vegetables, nuts and seeds, tobacco and its products, spices, oil-meals, processed food etc. While the State-wise export data is not maintained, product-wise/country-wise details of exports/imports are available in the "Foreign Trade Statistics of India" compiled by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), Kolkata.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. However, for the benefit of exporters, the Government of India has authorized a large number of officials of the Union and the State Governments to issue phytosanitary certificates for our exports.